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In February 2008, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, convened to hear testimony on Human Rights and Religious Freedom in Iran.

Among the expert witnesses were Jeffrey Feltman, former US Ambassador to Lebanon and current Principal Dep. Asst. Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs in the US State Department, and journalist and author Barbara Slavin, who has visited Iran over half a dozen times and has interview Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at least twice.

Feltman's and Slavin's suggested approaches to Iran differed in significant ways.

This is a very brief diary that invites its readers to ask the question: Whose vision of the U S government's approach to Iran is being followed by President Obama, that of Jeffrey Feltman, who was the State Department man in charge during the 2006 war on Lebanon, or that of Barbara Slavin, who urges that the Iranian people be granted the right to determine their own government?